

REMARKS

It is requested that the time for responding to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2004 be extended one month up to November 7, 2004. Please charge any requisite fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is respectfully solicited.

Although applicants respectfully traverse the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office objections to claims, it is believed that amendment herein renders the objections moot. Claims 5, 6, 15, 16, 23, 24, 33, and 34 have been amended to change "exclusive or " to --exclusive OR--. Moreover, applicants have amended Claims 22 and 23 to insert the article "A" in the preamble.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the claims 1-40 for obviousness type double patenting. However, the rejection is moot in view of the filing of the concurrently transmitted Terminal Disclaimer and correlative fee.

Reconsideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

Monday Nov 8 2004

Marina V. Schneller or A.C. Aitken

Marina V. Schneller, Reg. No. 26,032

Andrew C. Aitken, Reg. No. 36,729

VENABLE LLP

P.O. Box 34385

Washington, D.C. 20043-9998

Telephone: (202) 344-4000

Telefax: (202) 344-8300

::ODMA\PCDOCS\DC2DOCS1\595177\1